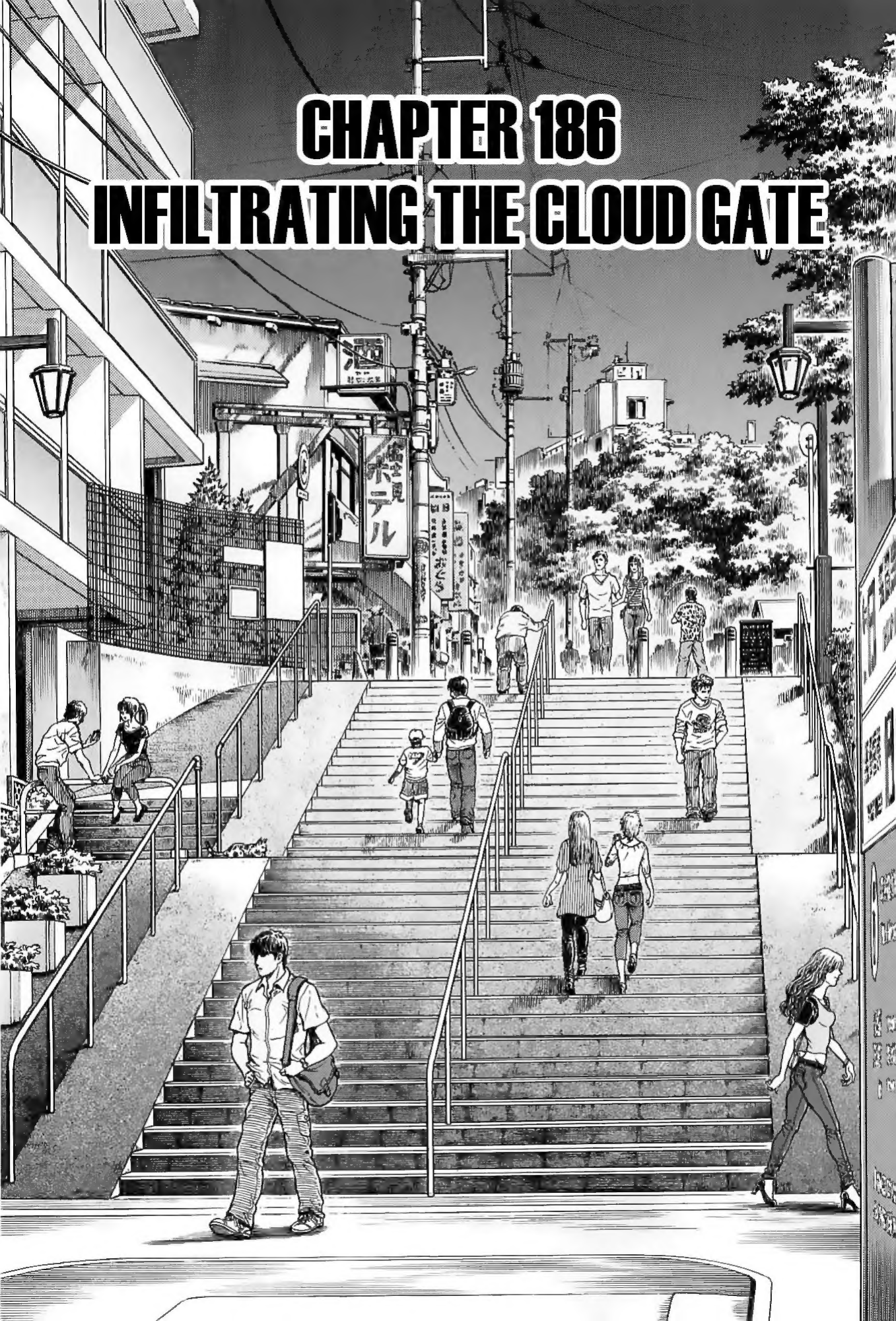
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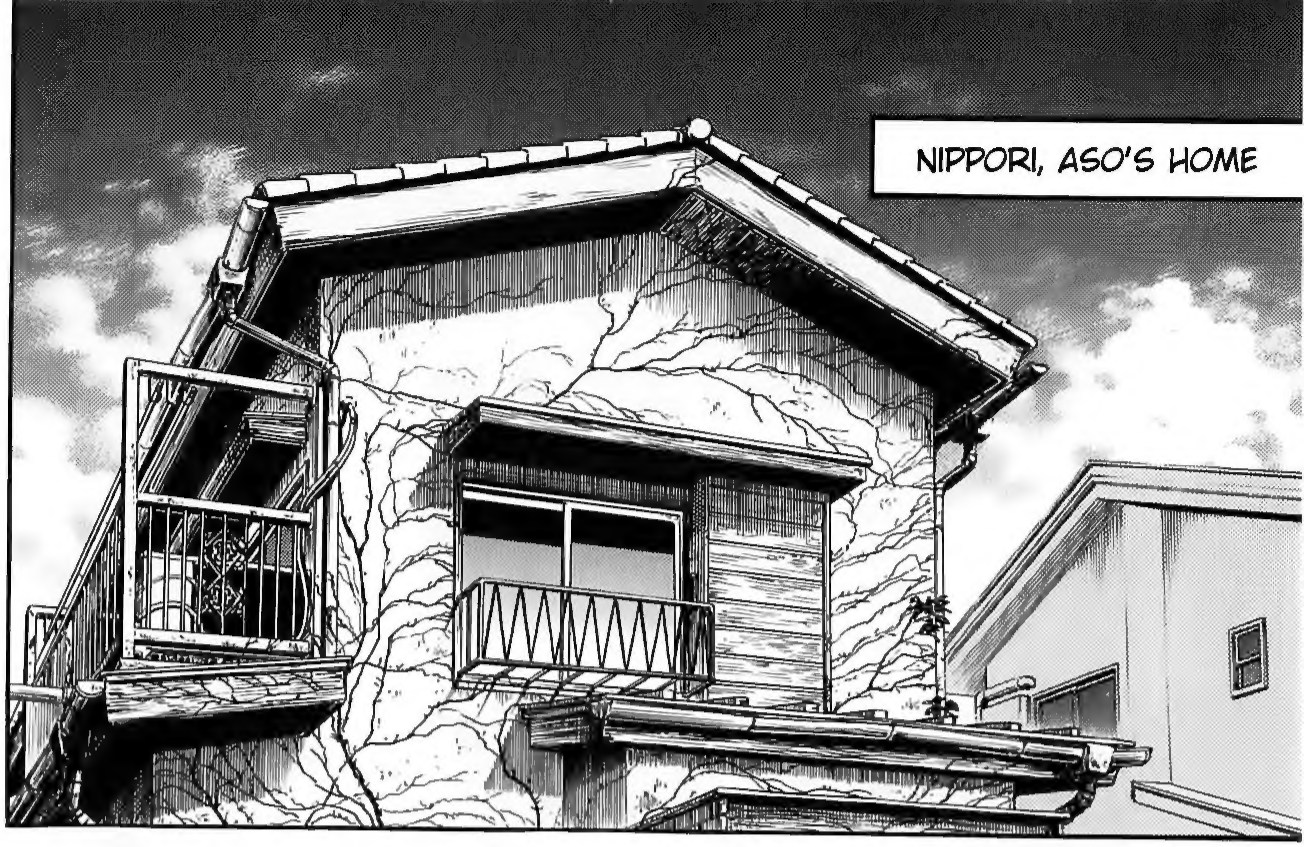
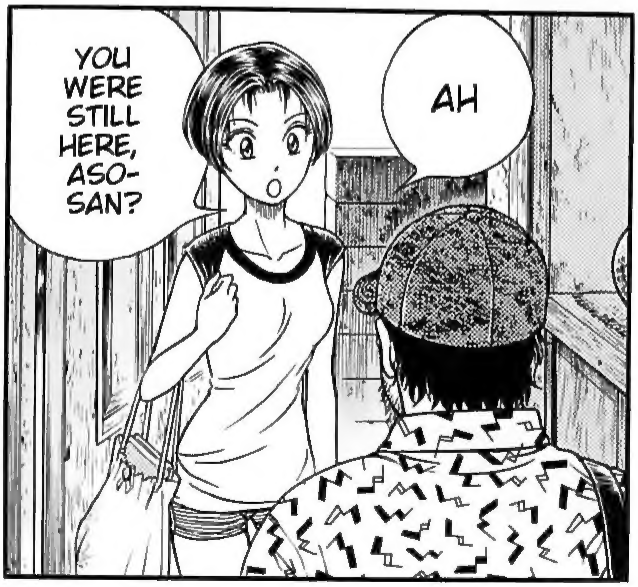
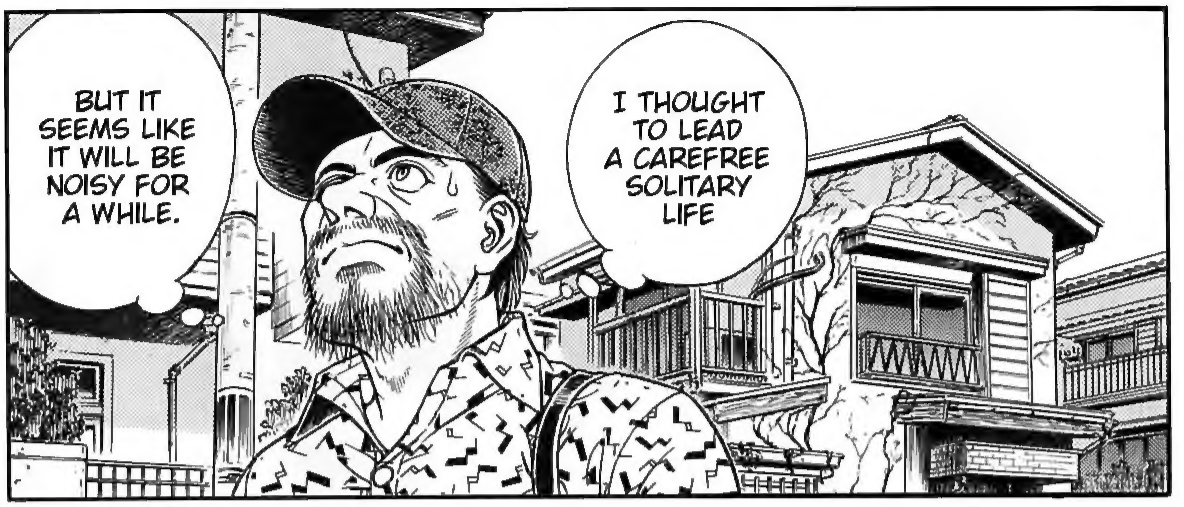
INFILTRATING THE CLOUD GATE


NIPPORI, ASO'S HOME

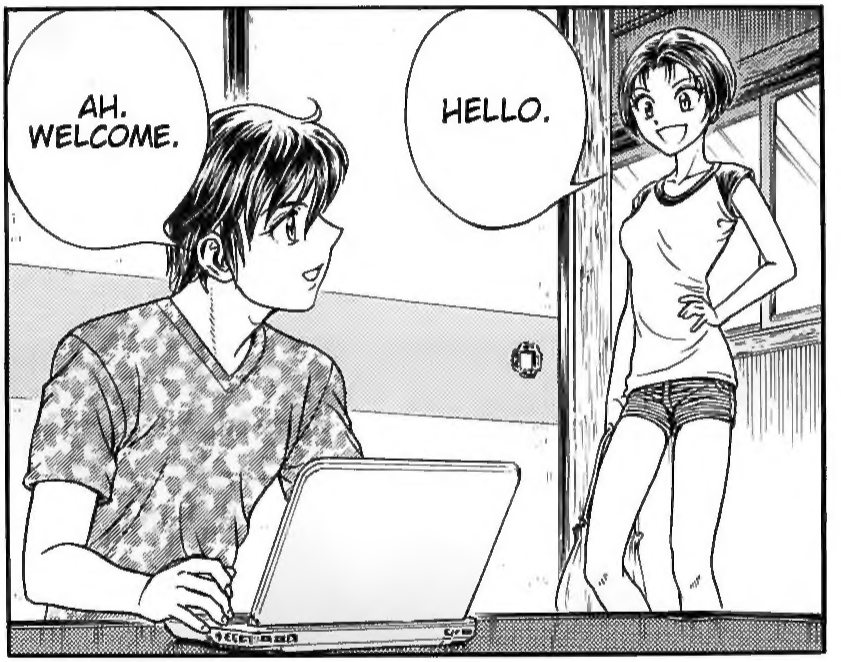
TAKE CARE.
SORRY. I'M HEADING TO WORK RIGHT NOW.

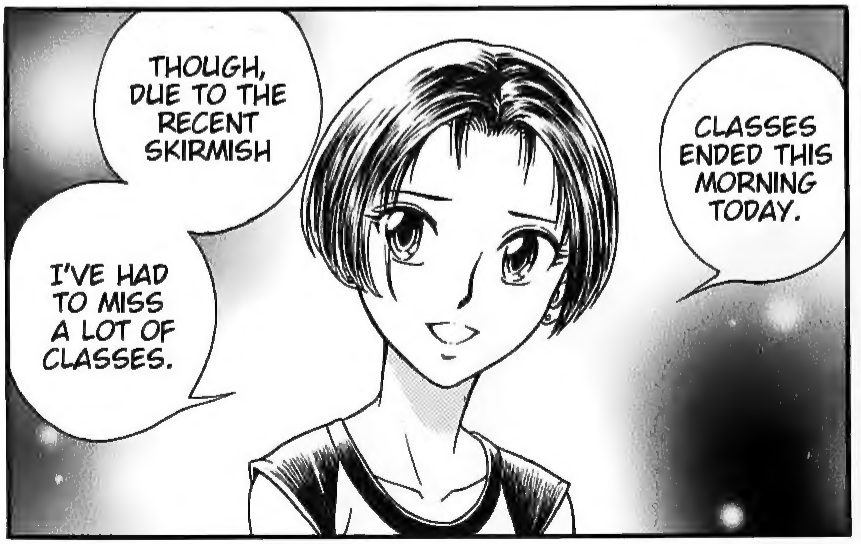
OH
IT'S TAGA-KUN.


YOU WERE STILL HERE, ASO-SAN?
AH


I THOUGHT TO LEAD A CAREFREE SOLITARY LIFE
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE IT WILL BE NOISY FOR A WHILE.

APTOM'S ALSO HERE.


HELLO.
AH. WELCOME.


CLASSES ENDED THIS MORNING TODAY.
THOUGH, DUE TO THE RECENT SKIRMISH
I'VE HAD TO MISS A LOT OF CLASSES.

NATSUKI-SAN, HOW WAS UNI-VERSITY?
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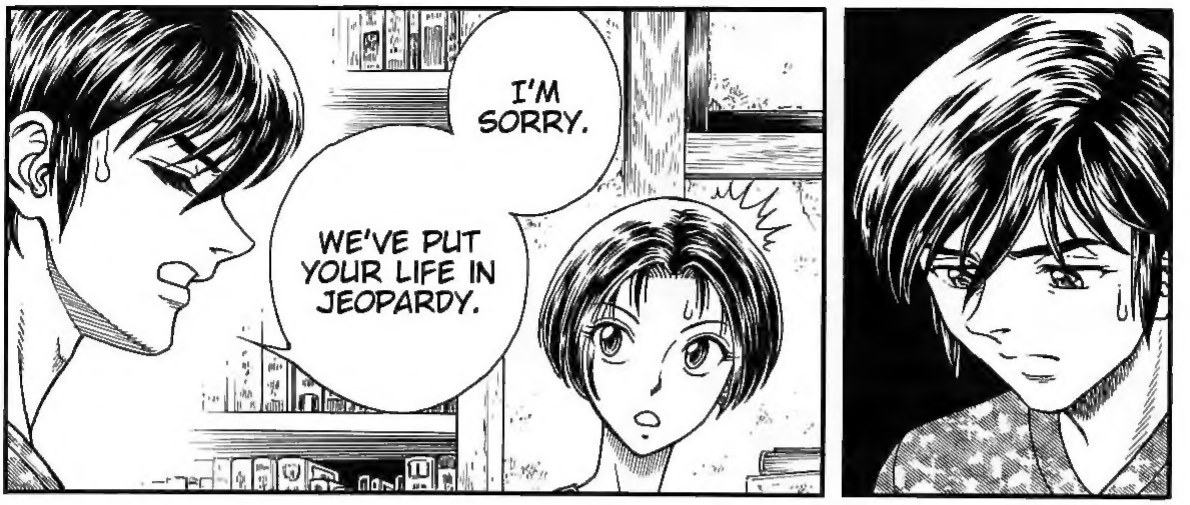
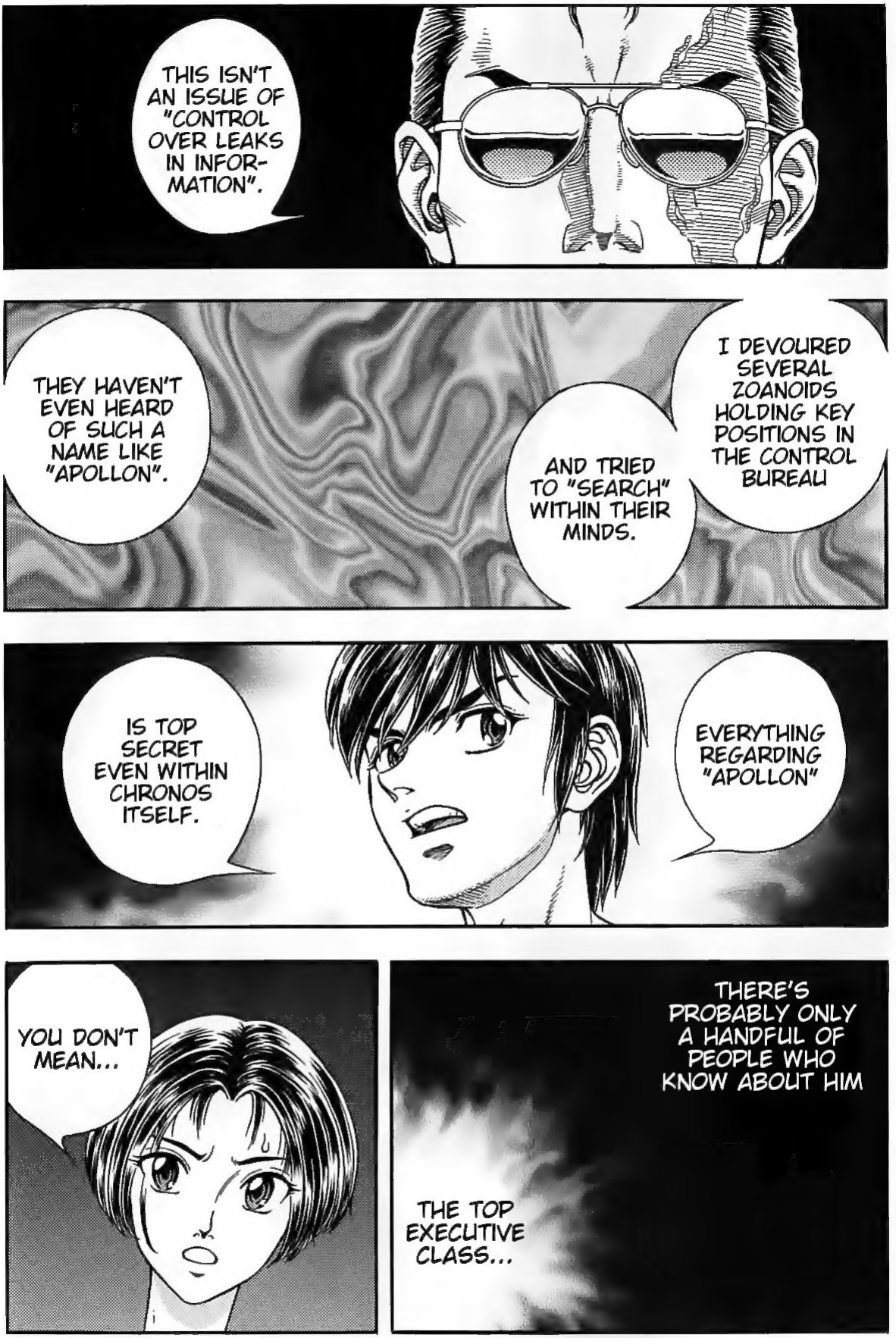

I'M SORRY.
WE'VE PUT YOUR LIFE IN JEOPARDY.

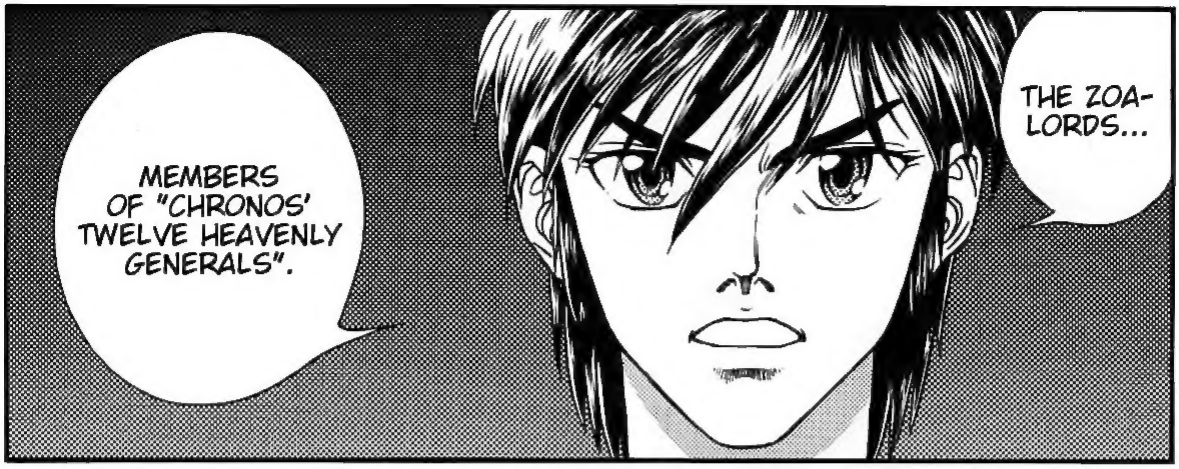
ANYWAY, HAVE YOU MADE ANY PROGRESS?
YOU KNOW, ABOUT HIM...
EH... NO, I WASN'T HINTING AT THAT.

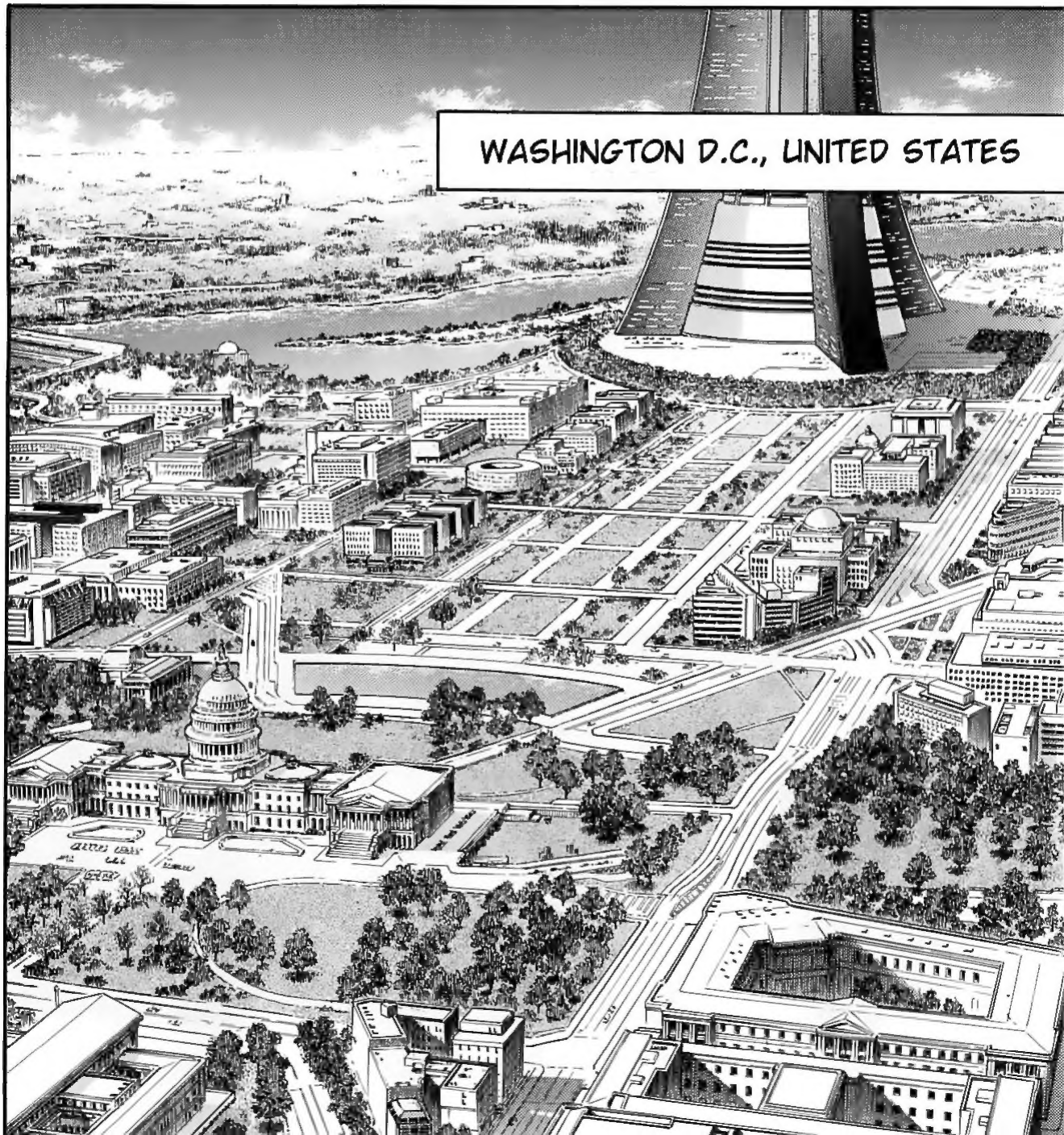
WE'VE ALSO ASKED HELP FROM ASO-SAN.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE'VE HAD ZERO RESULTS WHEN IT CAME TO FINDING CLUES ABOUT "APOLLON".

WE COULDN'T FIND ANY INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO "APOLLON".
NOT EVEN MENTIONING GUYOT AND GUYVER II-F


THIS ISN'T AN ISSUE OF "CONTROL OVER LEAKS IN INFOR-MATION".
THEY HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD OF SUCH A NAME LIKE "APOLLON".
AND TRIED TO "SEARCH" WITHIN THEIR MINDS.
I DEVOURED SEVERAL ZOANOIDS HOLDING KEY POSITIONS IN THE CONTROL BUREAU
IS TOP SECRET EVEN WITHIN CHRONOS ITSELF.
EVERYTHING REGARDING "APOLLON"
YOU DON'T MEAN...
THERE'S PROBABLY ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT HIM
THE TOP EXECUTIVE CLASS...


THE ZOA-LORDS...
MEMBERS OF "CHRONOS' TWELVE HEAVENLY GENERALS".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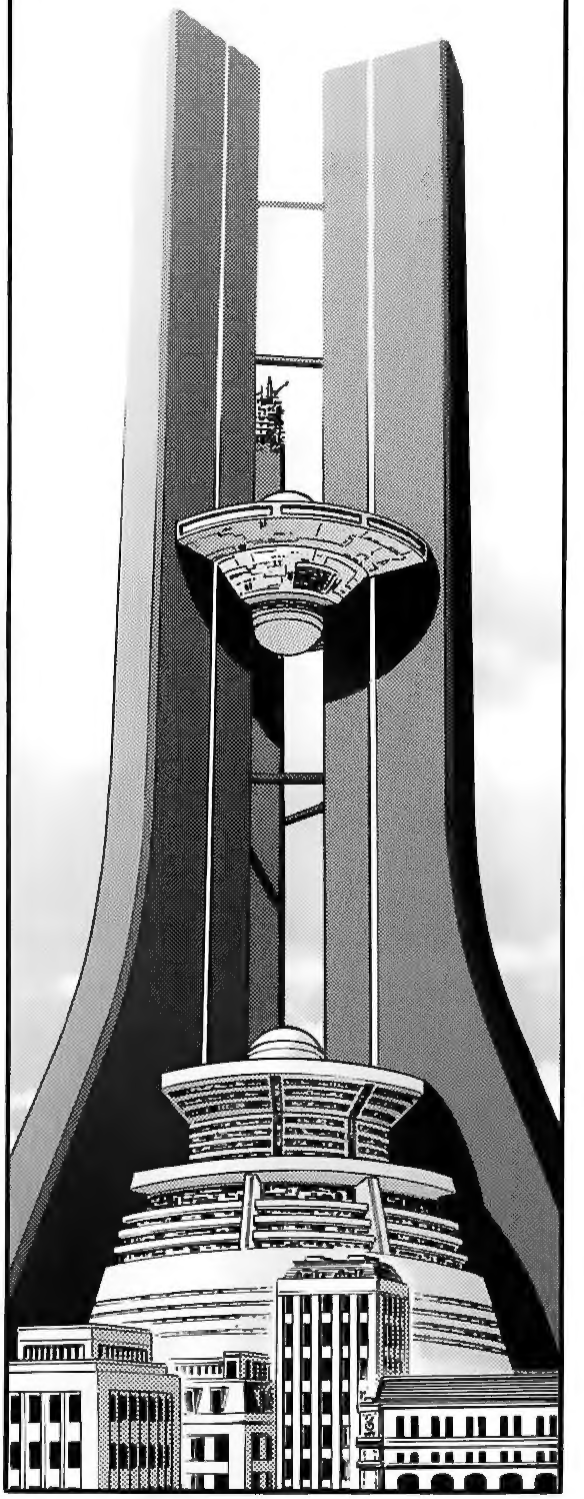
CHRONOS' NORTH AMERICAN CONTROL BUREAU
PILLARS OF HEAVEN

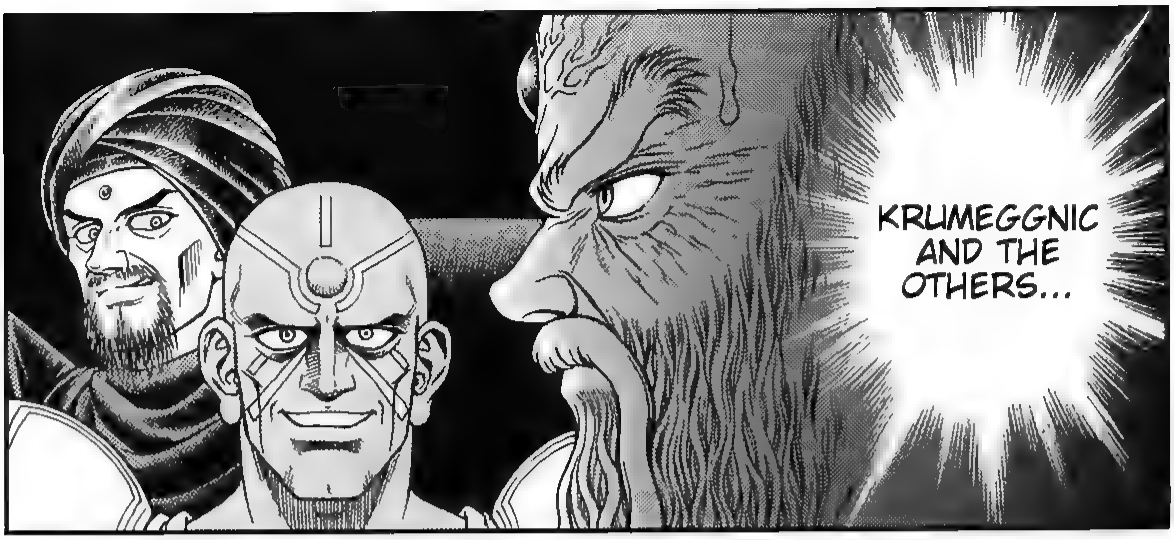


AND HOW HE VANISHED INTO THE CRATER OF GUSHING, BOILING MAGMA.
HOW ALKANPHEL PERSONALLY RIPPED THE ZOA CRYSTAL FROM HIS FOREHEAD
!!
I ALSO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE, VENERABLE BARCAS.
I AM SENDING YOU... THIS IMAGE.

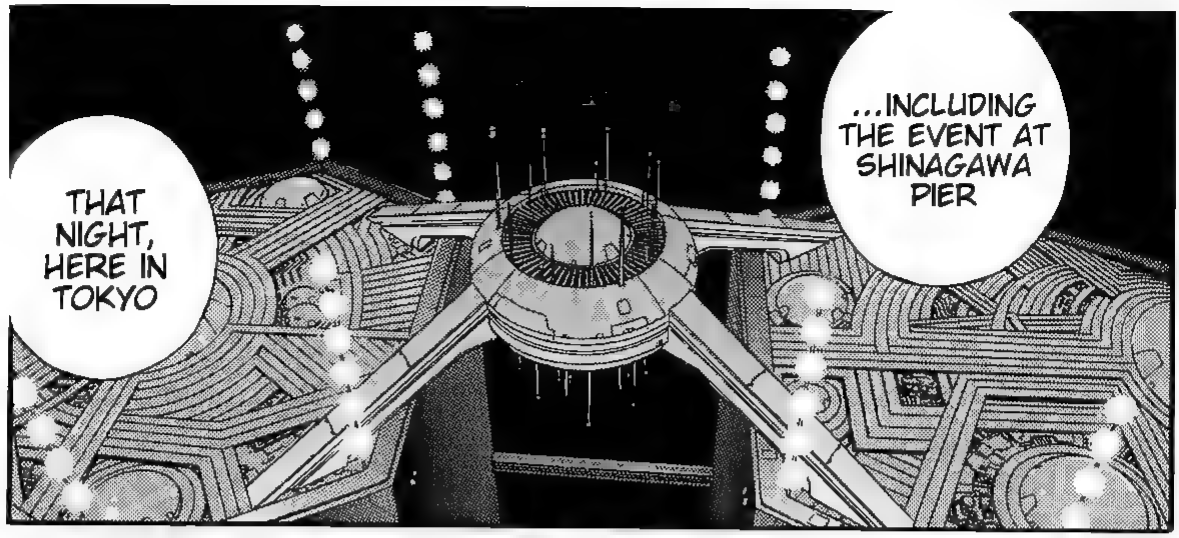
...COR-
RECT.
TH...
THIS
IS...!?
HE WAS
WORKING
TOGETHER
WITH GUYVER
II-F.
BUT THE
BIGGEST
PROBLEM
IS THE
FACT THAT
WHETHER IT
ACTUALLY IS
GUYOT OR
NOT REMAINS
TO BE
CONFIRMED
HAVE
ANY NEED
TO WORK
TOGETHER
WITH
RICHARD!?
WHY
WOULD
THE
FEMALE
GUYVER
PRE-
POSTE-
ROUS...

AFTER THEIR RAID ON THE MANSION
WE OF CHRONOS TOOK "FULL CONTROL" OF IT
AND IDENTIFIED IT AS A HIDEOUT USED BY GUYVER-I AND HIS COMPANIONS.
LATER ON
WHAT?
THEN RICHARD WAS ABLE TO FIND OUT
THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE GUYVERS...?
FURTHERMORE
JUST THE OTHER DAY, WE RECEIVED A REPORT OF A FIGHT TO THE DEATH BETWEEN THE GUYVERS IN SHINJUKU.
THE RAID ON THE HIDEOUT OCCURED DURING THEIR FIGHT
IF HE WAS WAITING FOR GUYVER-I TO BE ABSENT...

HMM...
THESE ARE THE CIRCUM-STAN-CES.
THEN IT SEEMS THAT GUYOT IS MORE AWARE OF THE GUYVERS' MOVEMENTS THAN WE ARE.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GUYOT
BROUGHT A LARGE UNIT OF SOLDIERS WITH HIM.
WE FOUND TRACES OF A VIOLENT BATTLE BETWEEN "CREATURES" NEAR THE SMOLDERING RUINS OF THE MANSION.
YES.
AND, MOST LIKELY IT IS...
...IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN RICHARD
MAY HAVE SOME BACKING... LOOK INTO THIS.


KRUMEGGNIC AND THE OTHERS...

AT THE SAME TIME / SHINJUKU, TOKYO


THAT NIGHT, HERE IN TOKYO
...INCLUDING THE EVENT AT SHINAGAWA PIER

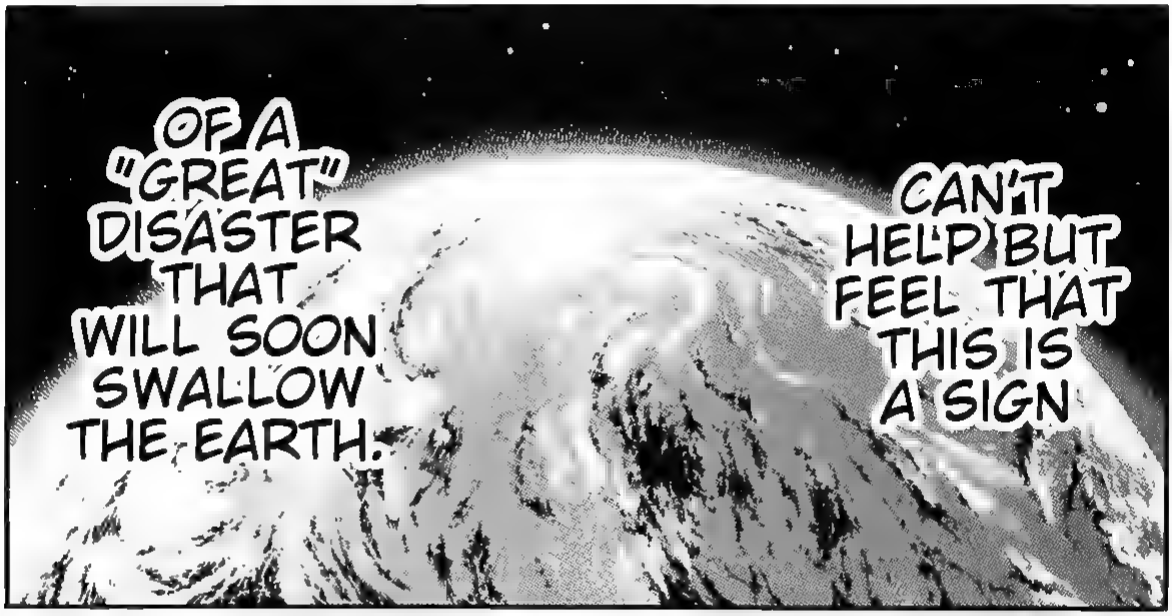
THREE FIGHTS HAVE OCCURED IN SEPARATE LOCATIONS.
WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF US, CHRONOS

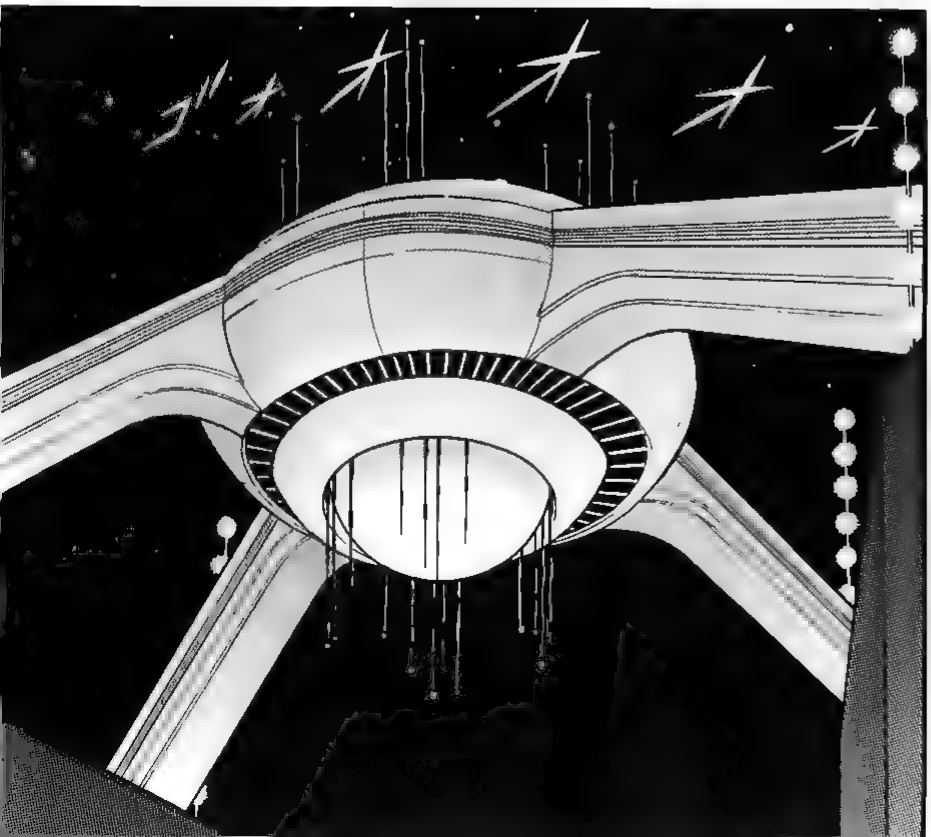
NOT JUST THAT.

ARE YOU MEANING TO SAY THAT THERE'S SOME KIND OF CONNECTION...
BETWEEN THESE THREE FIGHTS?

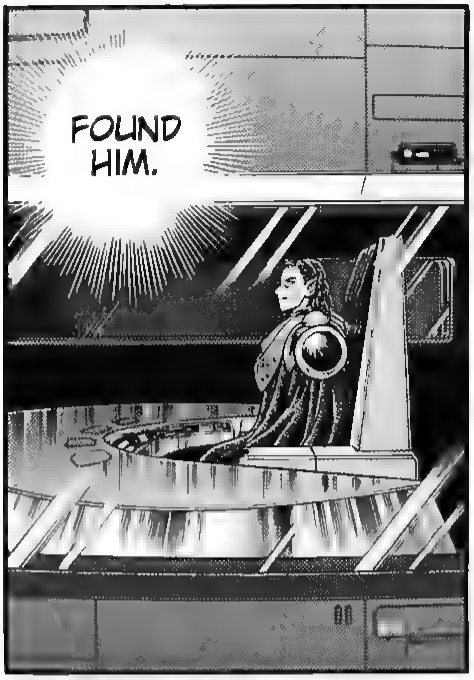
AND THE SUDDEN AWAKENING OF ALKANPHEL...
THE APPEARANCE OF THE RED GIANT, "GIGANTIC EXCEED", WHO SURPASSED THE DRAGLORD CABRAL.
THE ATTACK OF THE MYSTERIOUS ENEMY "APOLLON", WHOSE AIM IS THE ZOA CRYSTALS OF US ZOALORDS.

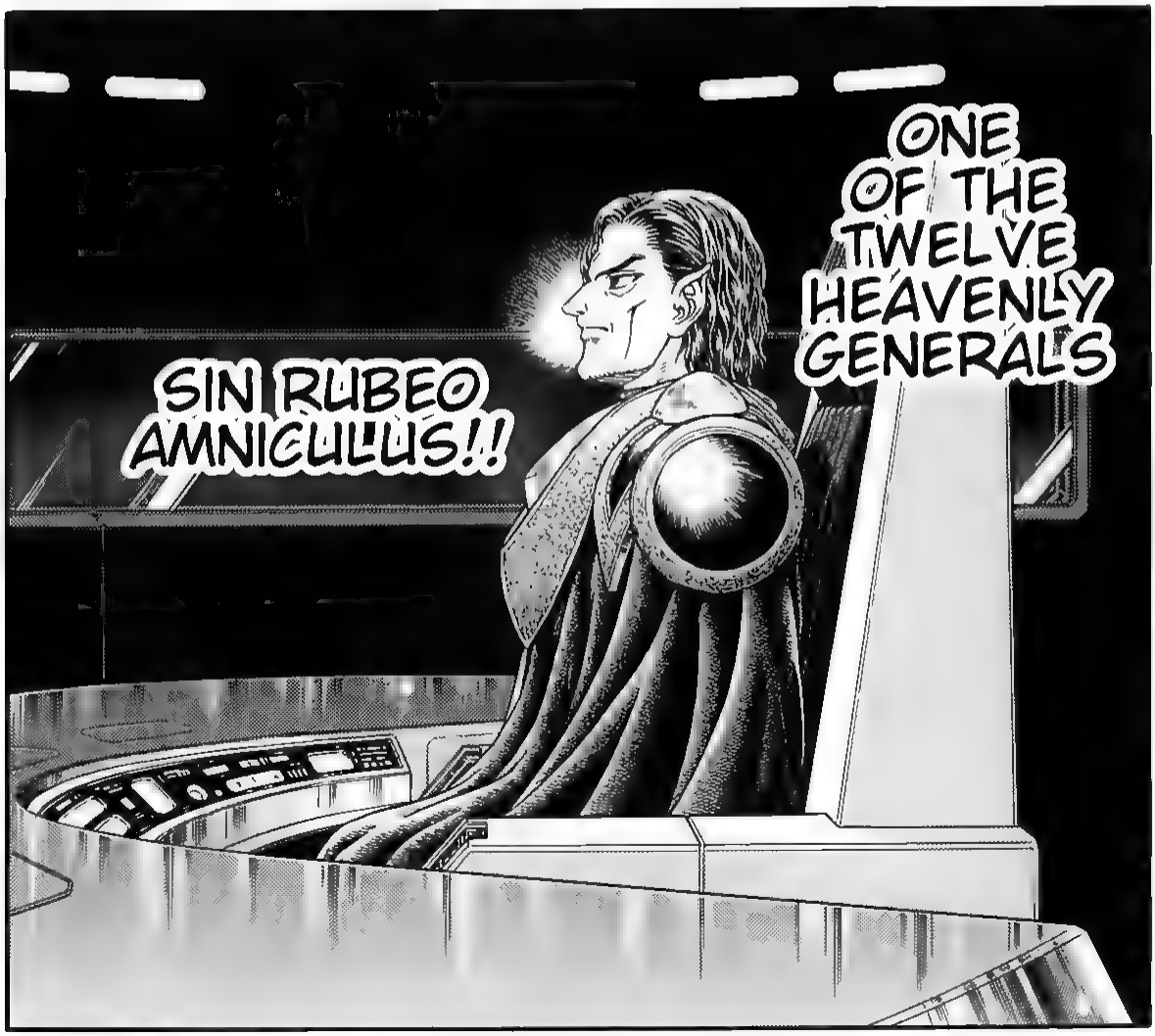
I...
ALL OF THESE INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN A SHORT SPAN OF TIME.

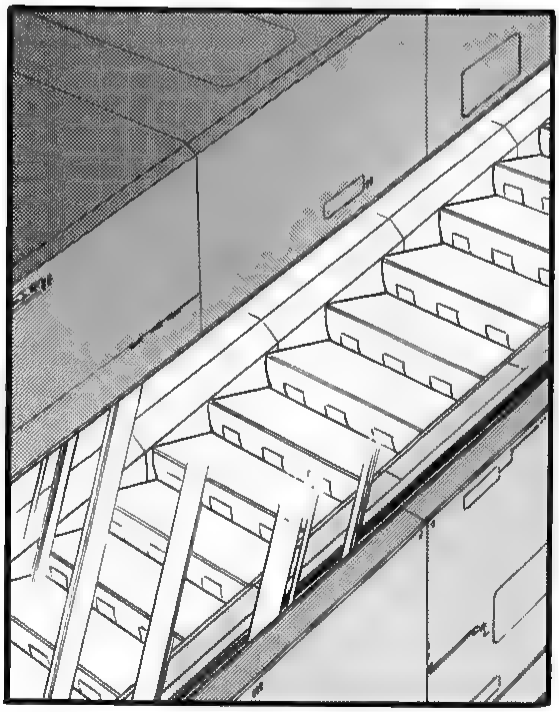

OF A "GREAT" DISASTER THAT WILL SOON SWALLOW THE EARTH.
CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THAT THIS IS A SIGN

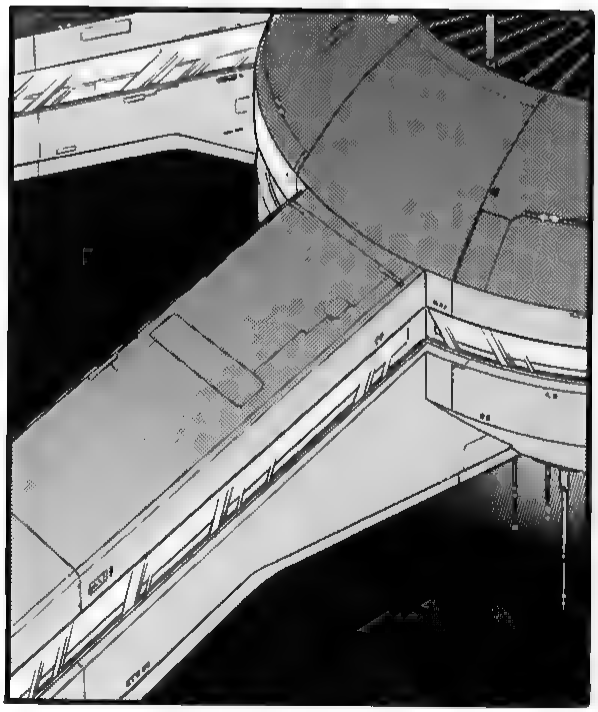


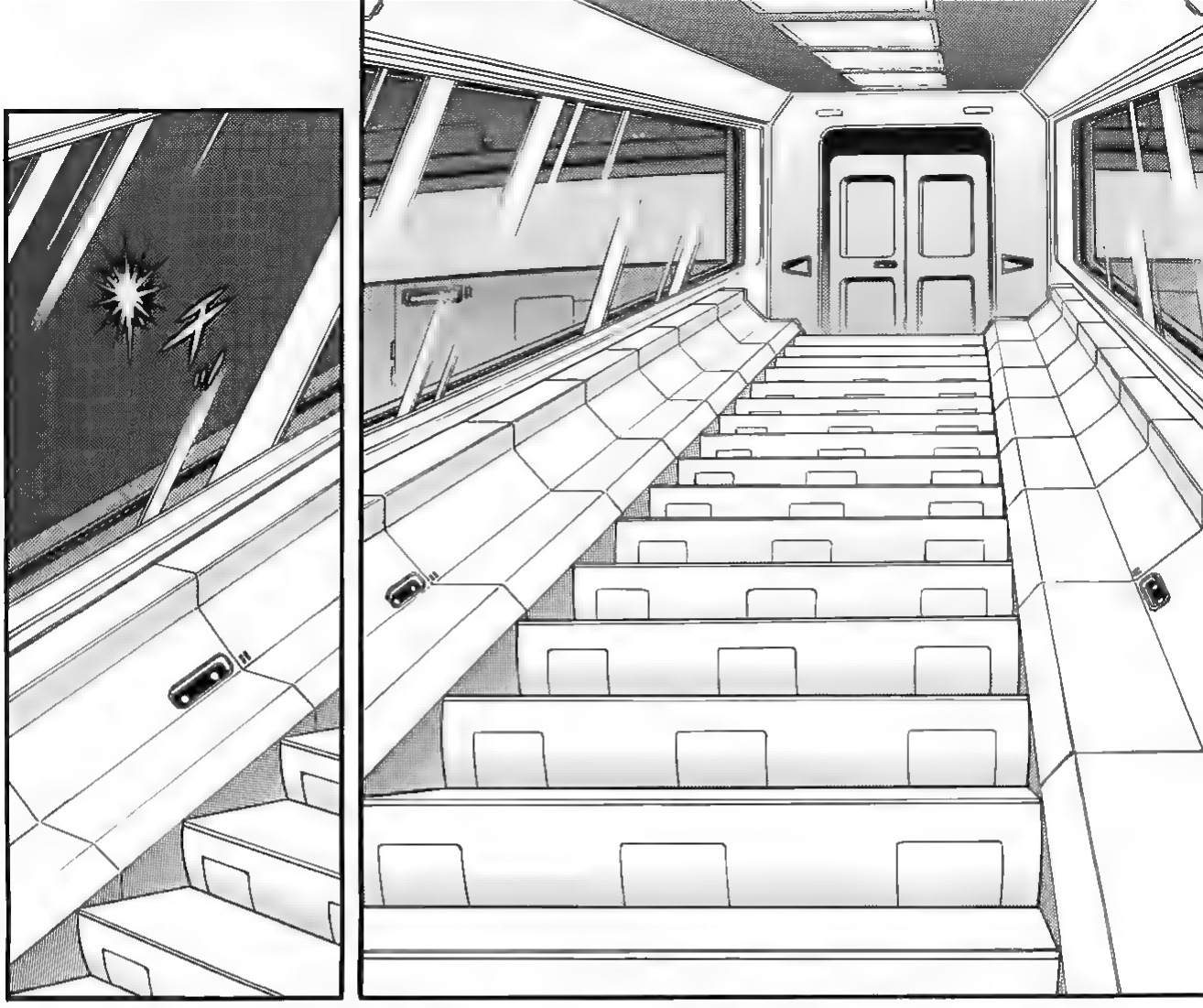
SIN...


FOUND HIM.


ONE OF THE TWELVE HEAVENLY GENERALS
SIN RUBEO AMNICULUS!!



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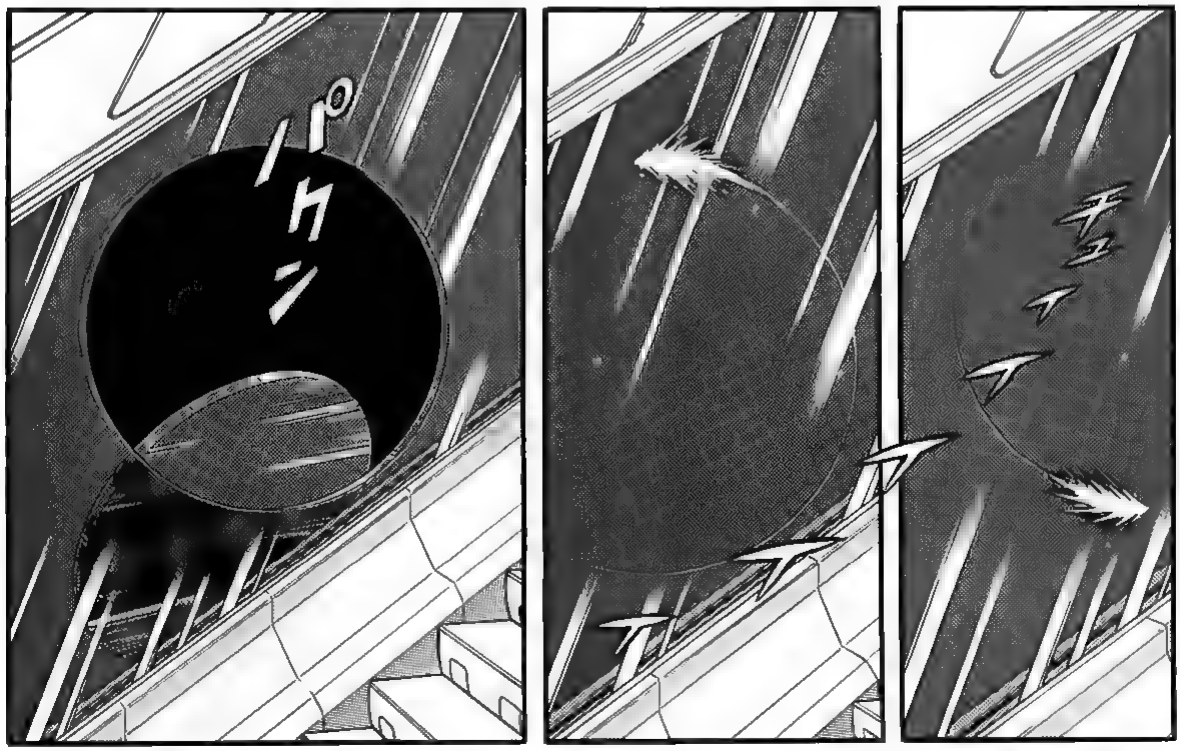
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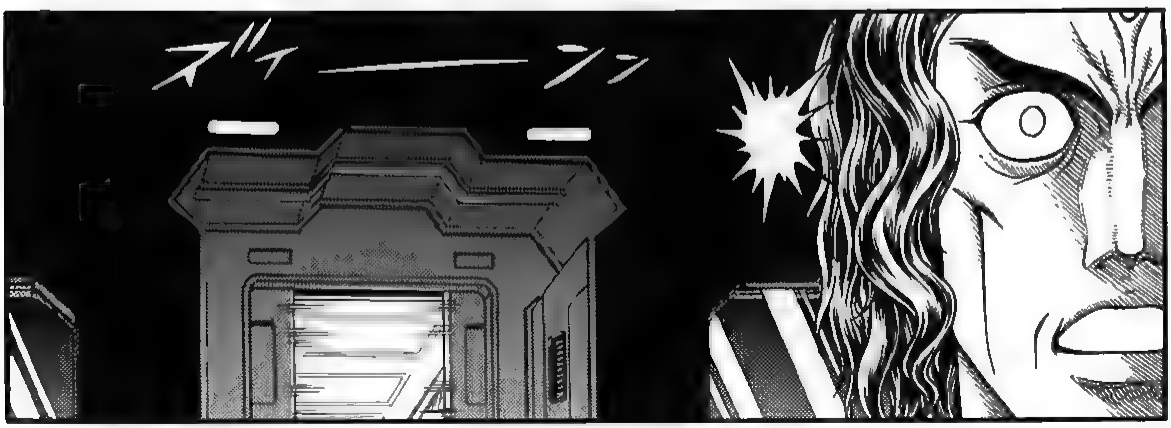
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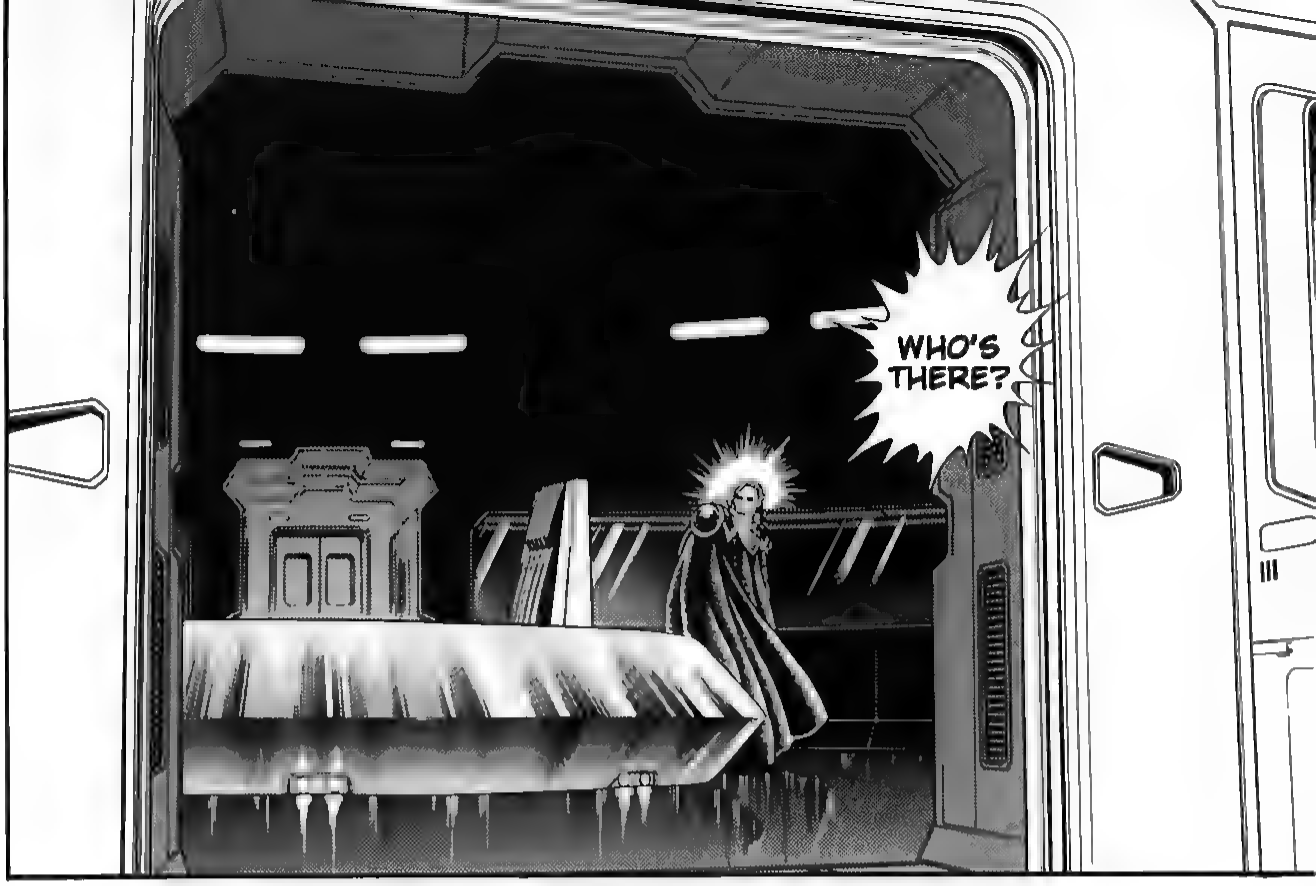
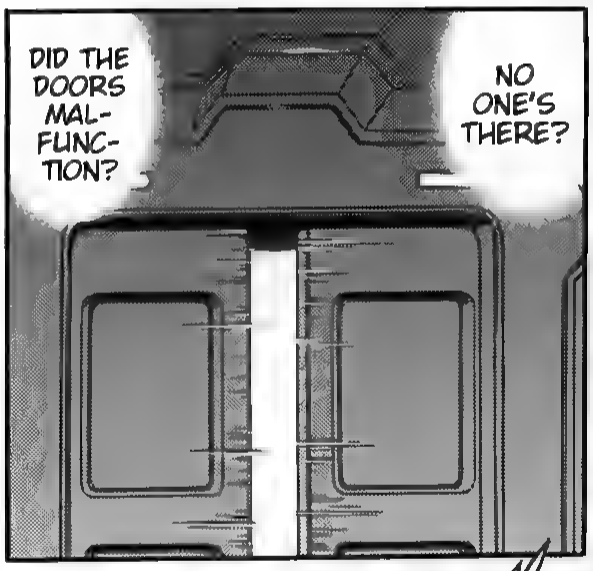
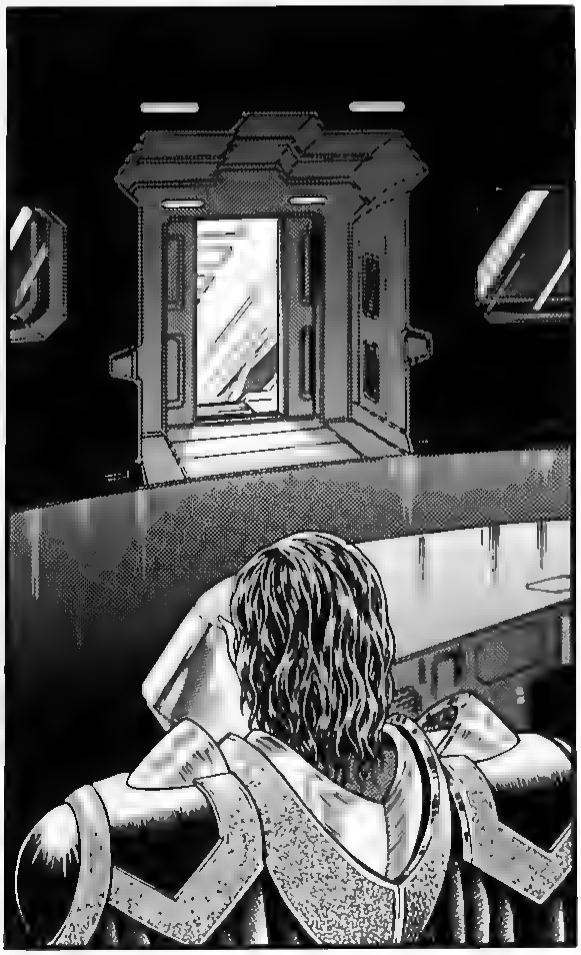

WHO'S THERE?

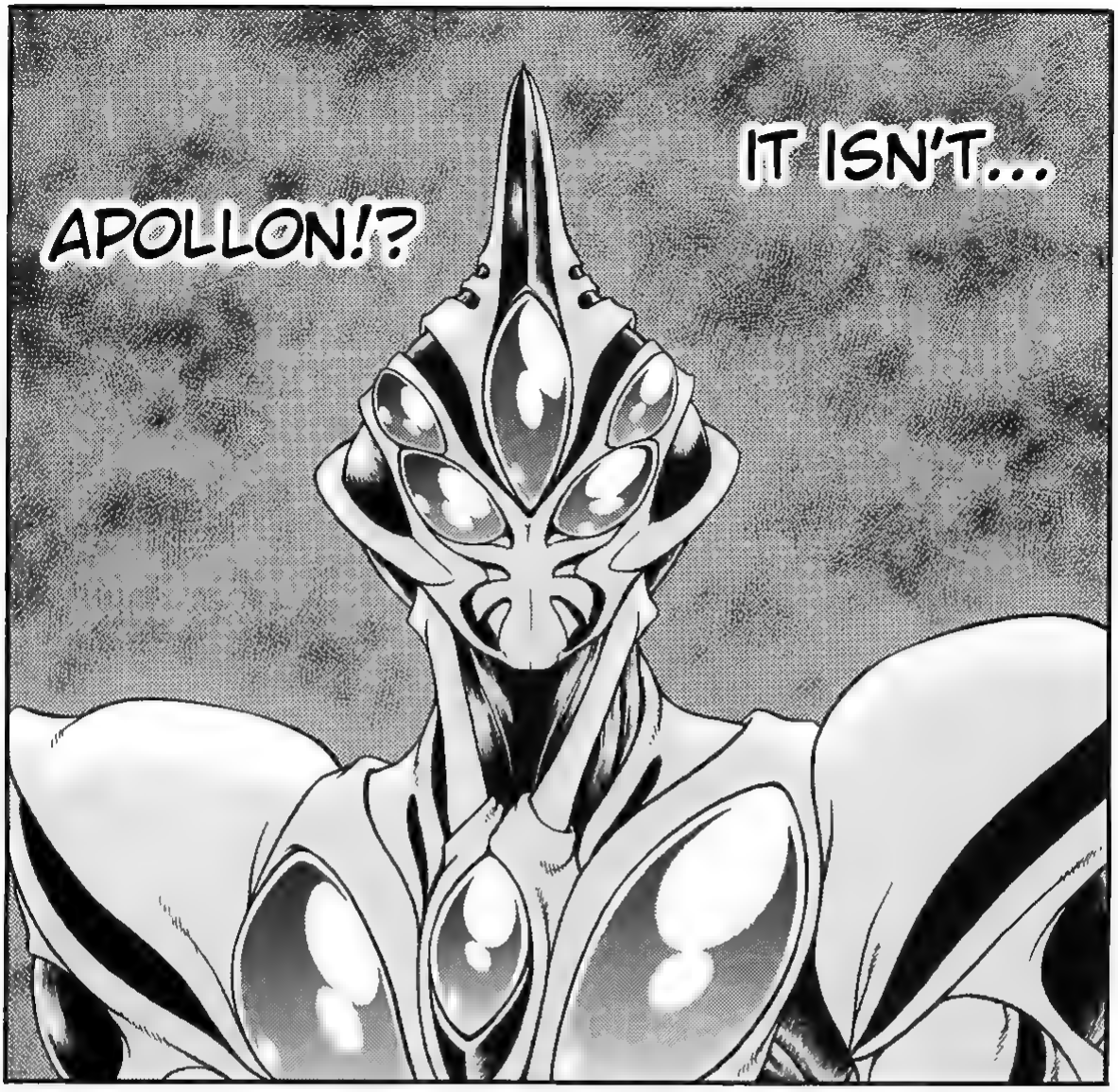

DID THE DOORS MAL-FUNC-TION?
NO ONE'S THERE?



...WRONG!!
THERE IS "SOMETHING" IN THIS ROOM.

SHOW YOURSELF, YOU RAT!!

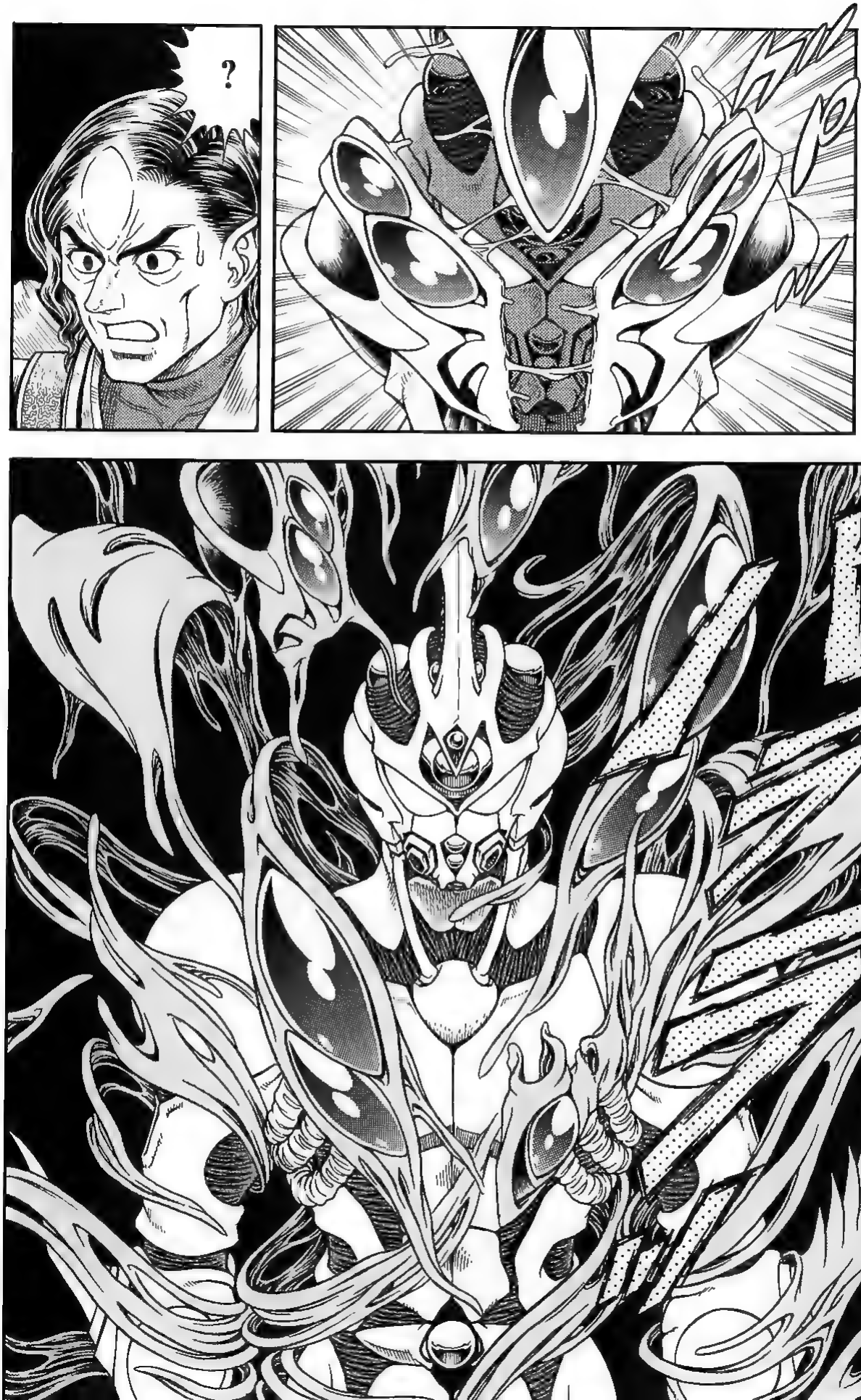
THERE YOU ARE.
!?

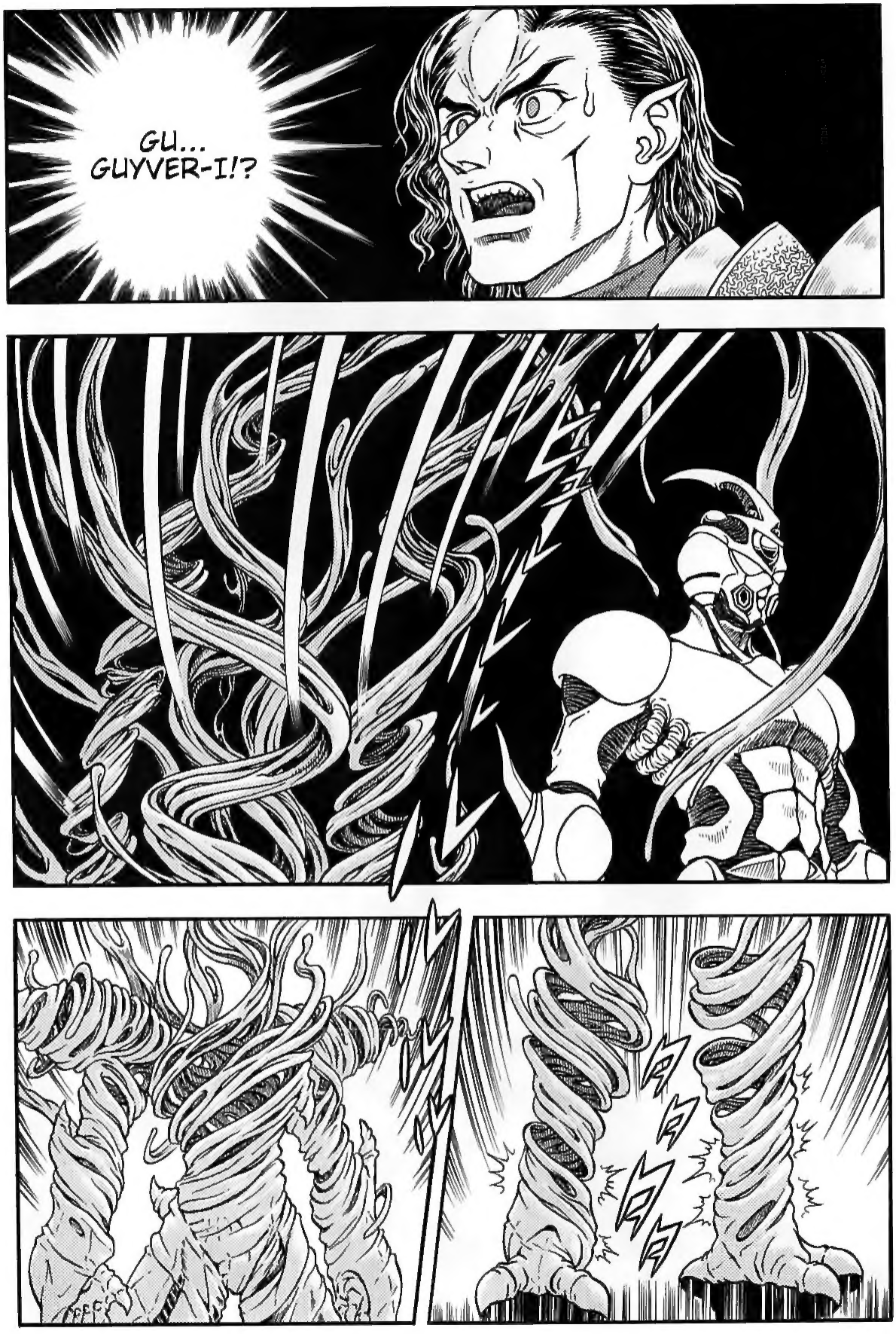

APOLLON!?
IT ISN'T...

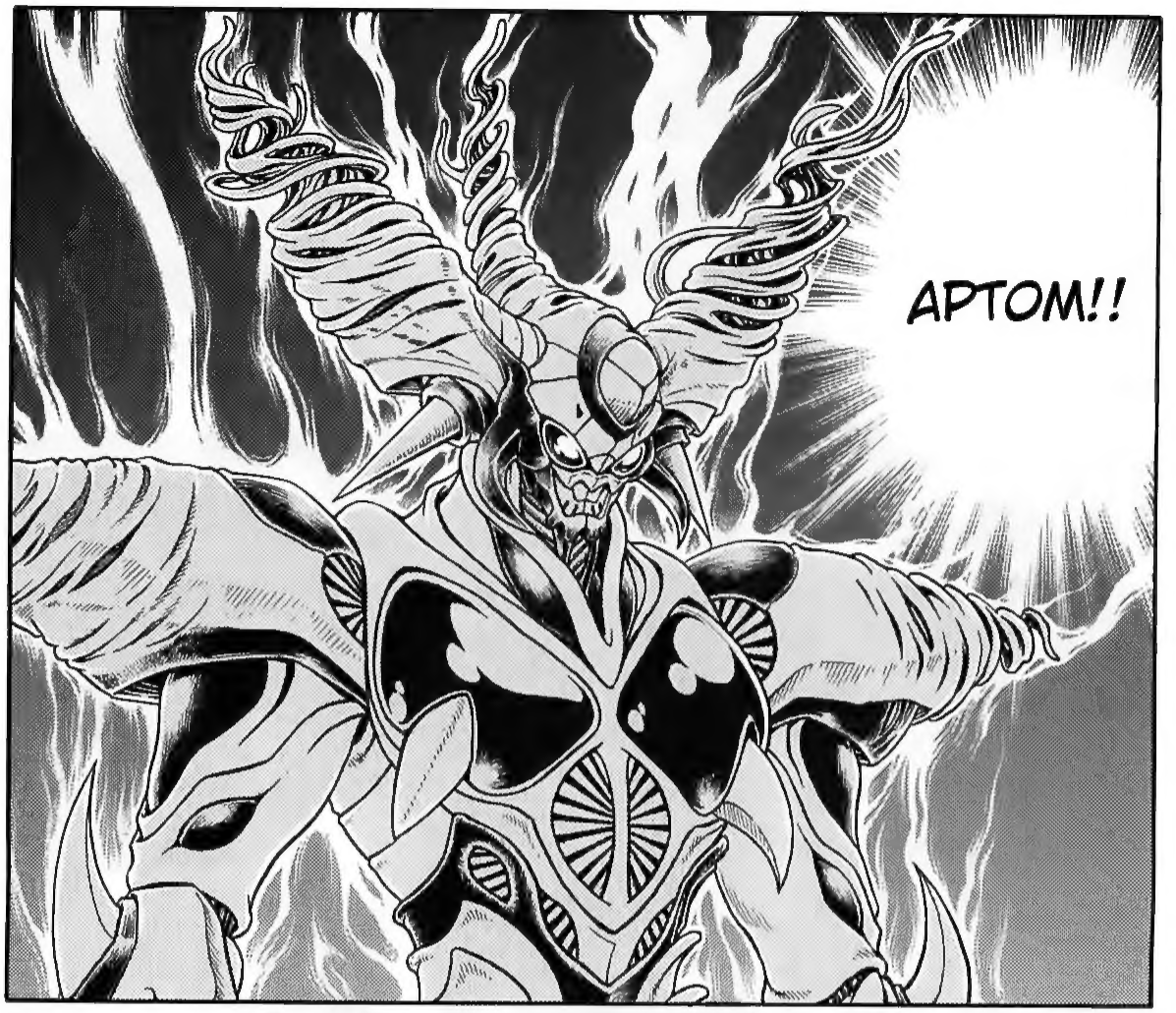
WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO FIGHT.
WAIT.

WHO... IS THIS?

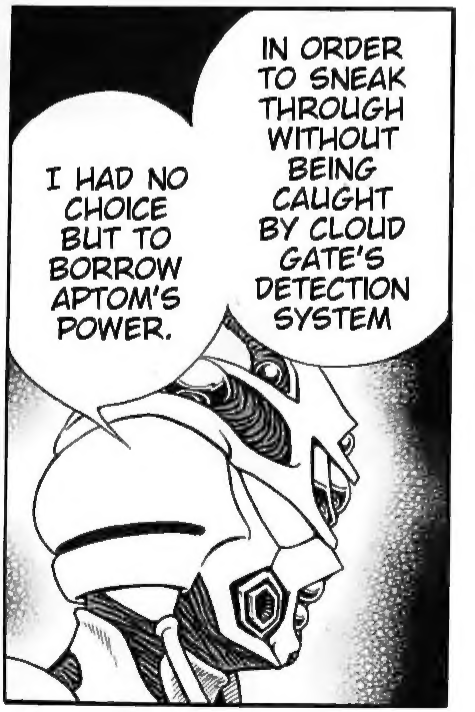
THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD THINK OF CONTACTING YOU
WITHOUT CREATING A DISTUR-BANCE.
SIN RUBEO AMNI-CULUS.
WHAT ...?
PLEASE EXCUSE OUR RUDENESS.
AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
IS THERE ANOTHER WAITING IN AMBUSH?
YOU SAID "WE"




GU...
GUYVER-I!?


APTOM!!

MISTER NICE GUY COME ALL BY HIMSELF.
...AND BESIDES, I COULDN'T LET THIS


I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO BORROW APTOM'S POWER.
IN ORDER TO SNEAK THROUGH WITHOUT BEING CAUGHT BY CLOUD GATE'S DETECTION SYSTEM

HAS ALREADY OBTAINED THE "STEALTH" FEATURE, WHICH HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TO ONLY
A VERY SPECIFIC NUMBER OF HYPER ZOANOIDS.
IT SEEMS THAT APTOM
WELL THEN...
.....
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME THEN?
YOU SAID... THAT YOU DIDN'T COME HERE TO FIGHT.

?
I WANT YOU TO TELL ME
EVERYTHING THAT YOU KNOW
ABOUT "APOLLON".